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CHAPTER XXIX.

CONFOUNDED.

Day after day glided by at Kingston. and the waves of life settled back to does the hard, cold, disinteresting matter was soon forgotten. course of daily life move on. Stil must we eat, drink and sleep-perble past, and wake to find ourselves and said: more miserable; still bargain, buy and sell, ask and answer questions, and pursue a thousand shadowy realities when all interest in them are gone forever. This cold, mechanical way of existing after all vital interest has fled. is but consigning one to a living

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Margaret Vane had so unconsciously
become wound up in her brother that
a separation of the two was like cleaving a heart asunder. Reuben Vane was hastened away to the State's Prison and to all the world was dead. There were many now, that the first passion was over, who thought that harsh. Reuben Vane's neighbors remembered him only as an honorable man; one in whom no guile had existed prior to this event of which he was charged. Those who saw the drooping head grown silver with years, could not but pity him.

> Mr. Osborne had gained his revenge, but not his object. He now set about claiming the Vane homestead. Even that dilapidated old house he determined to deny the girl who had scorned his love and name. Mr. Osborne was one in whom malice is great. Revenge to him was a sweet morsel and he determined on punishing Claudia and her aunt to the utmost.

He was careful always to seem to pressor. His friends "blowers and strikers," as they are called, represented to the public that he had lost geatborne found, when on the eve of fore- he little dreamed whom it would be. closing his mortgage, that Miss Margaret Vane possessed a half interest in the land on which he had no lien.

Mr. Osborne at this time was careful not to make any false moves. His ambition was about to be gratified Political honors were in store for him. In a few weeks at most he was sure the prize for which he had so long worked Biood, Price \$1.56 by small. Send for Prof. Guil-zette a Trea its on the Kidney and Ulver, the by Address FRENCH PAD O., Toleda, Olio. secretly sacrificed his dearest friends. secretly sacrificed his dearest friends, would be gained He could better afford to lose the Vane farm than lose

Sometimes he grew nervous, ye

torney to him one day, "you are finally | be interrupted in this interview." rid of Reuben Vane."

lost money, Frank."

"I do." "Ha, ha, ha, it's too thin. As plain with you." shrewd a lawyer as you are will never

lose money by a client." "Few lawyers have such shrewd Vane unjustly." clients as I had. He is a regular old

scoundrel." "Why, I never heard anything

wrong of Rube He hadn't sense enough to be real mean."

"He had more sense than he ever got credit for having."

"Are you going to take the home-

"I don't know." "You have a mortgage on it?" "Only on old Rube's interest, His

"Well, you can partition it." "Yes, or bny or sell to her."

"The sheriff was at the penitentiary a day or two ago and says he saw old Rube with his striped clothes on, at

Osborne, as carelessly as if he did not But of that I do not wish to speak. I know the man to be innocent "Not very well. The warden said sign."

he would not live over six months. It Nicholas Styles drew from a side and smiling assured a brother attorney

misery."

ply that he had been guilty of oppres- cool sarcastic smile came over his face, victed and sent to prison has very little he fixed his eyes upon his visitors. they mingle. They are then off casts ed. from society, standing aloof from all "No," answered Nicholas, meeting all now saw the drooping grayhead in and regarded himself well recompens- there that could give more particulars

That evening while on the street a chance to dream over again the horri- affairs met Mr Octorne in the street act as soon as I am at liberty."

> "Well, Frank, I guess you will prepare now to leave town."

"Why?" he asked. "Don't you know your enemy has come back ?"

"Who?" asked Osborne evidently growing considerably interested.

"That fellow-the school master." 'Do you mean Styles?"

"Yes." "When did he come ?"

'On this evening's train." "Where has he been?"

"To Chicago. He was mashed up in that last railroad wreck we had."

"Oh yes! Well the world would have lost very little, if he had been perhaps his sentence had been rather killed," said Mr Osborne in his cold, haughty manner. There was a cloud on the lawyer's brow. The return of character of the woman at the time, ling gown hung on the back. of the Vane's would relax.

"Confound him!" he murmured as sunk in the middle of the sea. I wish he had never come back here. Why don't some one kill him and thus rid me of him forever"

Whether he really wished some one to commit murder for the gratification of his own royal self, or whether he was in jest, no one could say. His manner of talking to himself even, was be the oppressed instead of the op- ed that no one ever knew when Mr. Osborne was in earnest.

The mortgages which he held against The school master had entirely passed benefactor was trustrated them. You his own fire in peaceful erjoyment. monetary consideration. Mr. Os and when he bid the new comer enter engagement between Claudia Hall in his imbecile manner.

It Was Nicholas Styles, and with hin came a stranger whose face the lawyer seemed to recognize. Mr. Osborne started up for the first time confused. Mr. Styles closed the door and locked

"What does this mean?" demanded.

"We want to see you alone." "Do you mean murder or robbery?"

"You need have no fears of either." "This is rather a singular proceed-

"Keep your seat, Mr. Osborne, laughed at his own fears. There was said the school master coolly. "You nothing which could prevent him from need have no fears of personal triumphing over friends as well as foes. violence, we are going to see you. "Well, Osborne," said a brother at- however, a'ene, and do not intend to

They went to the desk where the "Yes, the world is better off without lawyer sat. Instantly Mr. Osborne him," said the law er. "I would have thrust his hand under his desk where been better off if I had never seen he sometimes kept a pistol. There certainly must have some recollection was a strange light in the eyes of the of me, said the stranger, drawing his "Oh, you don't mean to say you schoolmaster, which he feared meant chair up to where the lawyer sat. mischief.

"I had nothing to do with it." "You know you lie."

The face of Mr. Osborne flushed red and he was in the act of making some retort, when Nicholas Styles, cool as an ice berg resumed:

"To others it may appear that you destroy all your future prespects." were guiltless of that great wrong, but sister has an undivided half interest in

Mr. Osborne.

"Very true, and no one knows better than yourself that it takes an evil lawyer the victor, while within the intent to make a crime, and no one lawyer was crushed and subclued. knows better than yourself that he had "Wonder how he stands it?" asked no such intent, as was imputed to him. have some papers here you are to

would be well for the old follow if he pocket of his coat a package of papers that there was a defect in the evidence praise for his humane act in precuring maybe it was something my wife saw died; he would then be out of his which he placed before the lawyer, and sentence of Reuben Vane. That Mr. Osborne took them up coldly and new evidence had come to his mind shall and shrewdness in discovering the if it is real Gos; el. it seems to me, it Mr Osboine looked keenly at the looked them over. He read them also convincing him the old man was man before him. Did he mean to im- through from beginning to end. A actually innocent. ing Reuben Vane. A man con- and laying them down upon his desk, had worked a complete revolution o ed by everybody as evidence of the something like Sodom or Gomorrah,

the world. But Osborne's keen scruti- his gaze with one of the equal coolness. their imagination, and realized what a ed even in the cars of the only woman than we'd got. I know it was a whoptheir usual flow. How imperiously in my availed him nothing. The lawyer "I have no idea that you are mad, but great wrong had been done him. Frail, he ever loved, if he ever loved, if I mistake not, but I forget how the utter disregard of all ones feelings soon after changed the subject and the I do believe you will sign those fickle and ever changing public senti body. Osborne helds a position of insurance panned out. The particupapers."

citizen, who knew something of his with the interpretation of repudiating the could not do enough to attone for the whom he used to swindle. He suppose it started in their part of town

"There will be no coercion in the in circulation for his pardon. matter."

sign them."

until you hear all I have to say. It is had as much effect as the visit that wrecked and in one short year the thing that will make the reporters hunt nearly two years since last we met at Osborne paid to the executive man grass was growing green above his us up and bring the crowd along. I Chicago."

you had take a young lady under the away, and winter came with its fierce the world with a stain on his character minute to stay, Brother Borem. Youassurance that it was a place of re- winds and snow. There was a bright which time failed to entirely wear der comes my boy with a telegram, spectability and there, you deserted fire blazing in the great old fashfoned away. He was to feel forever the now, and I've got to scratch right her for a woman with whom no gentle- fire place and Margaret Vane scrowl- effect of having had a degal friend and down to the board and lock out for man could associate.

master. "You know full vell that it Rephen. His favorne chair was were married the next spring. was one with whom you had associat- placed before the fire for him, his old ed and introduced to the society that worn and faded slippers, the work of a uncle with sufficient funds to make his evening. It was a willy scheme of sisters, loving hand years before, were house once more comfortable and Hall and on your visit to Chicago fortable. learned that through a cousin in California she in lented a million dollars

ed the scoundrel starting to his feet. and myself was broken off, but you "Yes," she assured 1 in, "its all lost her by driving her away from both lover." of us, and for nearly two years she was lost to the world. Because she refused to become your wife and

to the Penitentiary." said Mr. Osborne with a sigh of relief few; not the admiration or even reand a look of firmness. "You cannot spect of the unknown many. After by it make one hair of my head white such wrongs as he had suffered, there

all the world; it cannot harm me." Do you know this man?"

"No."

"You have met him before." "Where?"

"At Chicago."

"I think Mr. Osborne that I can re fresh your memory. You were slightly in liquor, I know, at the time but you

which made his cheek blanch. For he had everbeen before. "What have you to say?" he asked. an hour or more they conversed in

from a far corner of the room, were: "Miss Wallace is still alive." "You would smitch your character so as to ment,

to myself it will ever be a settled fixed at long intervals, so the real import of and dropped it in the fire for the commission of a crime," said that an agreement satisfactory to all for ever having doubted you." was entered upon.

Nicholas Styles left the office of the

CHAPTER XXX.

CONCLUSION.

The next day Mr. Osborne bright cal.

sympathy from the people with whom "Do you think I am mad!" he ask- of Kingston and had them clamoring search. He received his long cover there wouldn't be any danger of hav-

ment which had do med the good old honor and trust and stands high in the lars are all mighty hazy to me, but it "If I do it will be under protest and man to a lite of disgrace and ruin, now estimation of the poor deluded fools o' rens in my head that the brimstone wrong, and hundreds of petitions were stands a living monument to the in a match factory most likely. It

Perhaps the governor could not the reward they do not deserve. "Then you are a fool to think I will have withstood the storm of appeals which flooded in on him with every the Penitentiary and returned home Brother Borem. Dig out all the par-"No, I am not. Wait Mr. Osborne, mail and yet we doubt whether they broken cown in health. His life was ticulars, and boil 'em down into somesion in behalf of his former client.

"Oh yes, at a marquera"e where Summer and autumn had passed ing as much as of yore was hurrying adviser." "Wait sir-" interrupted the school about getting everything ready for

show Claudia that I had deserted her they suffered since that fatal day when were prosperous and happy. he went to his office. "I wish he had You concected the vile rehome in a they fled from the old farm house. The

"How do you know that ?" demand- their feet. The skigh stopped at their gate and a few moments latter Nicho-"Oh be quiet, take it patiently Mr. las Styles lead the pale haggered form deceiving. It was frequently remark. Osborne," said Mr. Styles. "You came of Reuben Vane into the room. The to that masquerade with your plans meeting between brother and sister felly matured. You worked them out was very quiet. Neither spoke a office, his mind busy with plans of the Hall's sudden disappearance before you furrowed cheeks. In a few moment ly by making loans to Reuben V ne. future, he heard a rap at the door, could inform her who her preterded the returned convict was sitting before the homestead were evidences of some from the mind of the ambitious lowyer brought about the quarrel and the "Is it all over Margaret?" he asked

"Will he never bother us any more?" an hour or two every Sunday. I ain't "Then he would sich and bow his thereby making you a millionaire, you head in silence. It was now far too for I was as wild as a cole, and he had her uncle convicted of a crime of late in Rouben's life for the good oper- thought most likely, I'd tone down in which he was never guilty, and sent ton of society to be worth the trouble and anguisa of a formal virdication. "Well sir what if all this is true ?" What he needed was the love of a very or black. I care not if you tell that to was no reparation. The pitiable mockery of it, which the world might have been ready enough to offer, coming after the long agony had done its utmost work, would have been fit only for the contempt of the sufferer. In truth we may doubt whither any great mi-take in our life is

ever really set right. Margaret more like a watchful mother over her child, put him in his 1'm always getting busit ess and gospe old bed and left the card'e hurning mixed up. I mean something's got to lest be abould wake in the night, and be done to fill our pews and save the Then in a careful tone he proceeded become afraid. Reuben was more "Mr. Osborne we have came to talk to relate something to the lawyer broken down, and more childish than

Sitting in front of the great fire came in to say. Now you're an older "This-that you convicted Reuben whispers and the only words audibly place we find Nicholas Styles and man than I am, and I dare say you've spoken, so we could have caught them Claudia Hall. He has told ber all read the Bible more than I have, for, I

and in conclusion says: "I premise you that I would not reseek a place of bonor and trust," "we turn until I had wrung from that can prevent your getting the at point- scoundrel a confession of the lie he had ment. "True its not criminal but it told. He handed her a tolded docu- a foreign country somewhere, and that

She opened it care ally and after time? I've got a good many friends This came only in broken sentences, reading it as carefully, folded it again

about them. if anybody gets along truth. You know he was innocent, what was said is not and never will be "I do that," she said, "to show you and pulls through all right, you car That he had no thought of wrong at known It is sufficient however to that I require no proof. It was wrong just bet your necktie the Jews'll do it. the time of his commission of the know that Mr. Osborne's iron will was in me to have ever doubted you, Ain't there something in the Bible that for once broken and that he at last though circumstances were calculated "Ignorance of law is not an excuse so far assented to their proposition to deceive me, I beg your forgiveness

"Then you fully forgive me." "I do."

"And am I restored to my former

She arswered in the affirmative, and at the time of the great fire here. I reader, let us draw the curtain. The can't say nositive that I read it in the remaider of our story is only histor- deam that I had some night, after

the pardon of Reuben Vane. His in Europe, and wrote me about. But legal flaw which led to unraveling the truth and establishing beyond a doubt to would be more'n peanuts to us just new to bring it up, and see everybody go wild over it. I forget the name of In less than twenty four hours he Reuben Vane's innecence, was regard- the town but it seems to me it was feeling on the part of the good people most wonderful depth of legal re- or something of that sort, and I know loudly for executive elemency. They ed prize in the appointment he desired ing anybody in the crowd right from troth of the fact, that soundrels do get would read like a Sunday paper here

was dis nissed, but he went through our margins. But I havn't got another

Claudia's ample fortune suppled her

Reuben Vane has never recovered. easy chair will ask his scrowling sister Suddenly the sound of sleigh-hel's it he will come again "No" she says,

Deacon Pusher's Scheme to Boom

the Church. I used to read the Bible some That evening as he sat alone in his to your own satisfaction, but Miss word, but tears coursed down their when I was a boy," said Deccon Push- are so unreasonable that they make er, as he took a seat in his pastor's the girls mad, and you can't blame us udy, hand if my memory serves me ight there's dead loads of things in it, rother Borem, that would be as new is this morning's paper to Chicago cople, and if you would browse around lively through the good book I lon't see why you couldn't find somehing that would keep 'em awake for much on the preach-though the governor had strong thoughts of turning ne over to the cloth when I was a boy time to be tame enough for a parsonut, you see, I used to carry papers or a country editor, who seemed to lourish I ke pork going up, and I know is plan to hold the crowd on his ooks and make 'em send in vegetales enough to keep the kettle busy, was to always have something in his little rag of paper the people didn't know, and it worked like fleas on a Now, what's the reason that theory wouldn't be a good plan in this preaching business, Brother Borem? Give he people something they can't get in any other shop, and it seems to me they've got to come to us or go without. I know if it was me in your slip pers, I'd honey up some kind of a scheme to corner the market and have things my own way-or, botheration people from going to the wall, or some other church. Hold on, Brother Borem don't interrupt me for a moment. please. I'm edging around to what I and then in your business, and what I wanted to say is this, can't you find something to preach about that would nake the people think the whole cheme wasn't got up for somebody if

the less had the first option all the

don't need at y ody to be distressed

once, when I was young and had a sick

spell, about some city that had a rakin'

out a good deal like the way we had it

Bible. It might have been only a

hard day in the grain pit, or it migh-

devilish well it wasn't in Illinois, so among us, for we have been through Pob Woodward served his term in the furnace ourselves, and we know what red hot means. Look it up. grave. The case against his brother tell you we must give the church a boost right from the shoulder, or lose Nickum. The sly old dog is after me again, and I've got to put snuff in his Nicholas Styles and Chiudia Hall eyes, or he'll scoop me - Chicago

The Waiter Girl Speaks Her Mind.

You can have no idea of the annoyyour own. You know full well the at the side of it, and his favorite dress, habitable. The fences have been re- ances we are put to by exacting and built and the house repainted. The mean-spirited customers. I want no the school master, he was sure, argued After I was separated from Miss Hall Claudia Hall was also tusy aiding form no longer has a dilapidated applicated application of the control of th way in which he orders a meal. Table no good to his plans. Already he this woman, attired similarly to herself her aunt to make the poor old house pearance. Nicholas and his sweet manners always disclose undesirable feered that his firm grasp on the home and masked was mistaken for her, by cheerful. Supper was waiting him, young wife took up their residence in traits of character which under other myself. Then you took pains to How much pain and anguish had Chicago where at last accounts they circumstances would not be easily discerned. When here by themselves they feel under no social restraint and the way in which they abuse us poor moment for your own selfish meddle- wind was howling fiercely without He is an invalid with his sister al- girls is awful. If they only knew it, come designs. But you had a deeper and the snow falling fast, but it only most constantly at his side. He goes they could get more and better tood scheme. You had heard of Miss seemed to make the room more com to the field no more, but sitting in his by mixing a little politeness with their orders than by commanding us to bring this and that in a dictatorial : nd nsulting way. If a man is crabbed, came to their cars. Both started to they are forever free from their Friend cross, and bent on finding fault, I just try to bri g him the poorest meal I can, and delight in his fussing. The meanest, most niggardly people always want twice as much for their money as decent folks They come here and with ten or fifteen cents expect to get a fifty-cent meal. They it we slam the dishes about a little bit.

Interesting to Anna Dickinson.

A recent writer in an English journal has plucked out of the heart of 'Hamlet" "Hamlet's" mystery by delaring him to be a woman in disguise. The reasons for such a belief are soberly set forth. His parents concealed his sex from motives of ambiion; this is one of the "foul crimes" f which the ghost speaks. That Polonius" knows the secret accounts for 'Hamlet's" dislike of him and for his own repugnance to a match with Ophelia." It is this secret to which Hamlet" alludes in his dying words. There are, too, innumerable isolated passages illustrative of "Hamlet's" imidity, his abhorrence of war, his disgust at the table excesses of his ime, and other feminine peculiarities. On all these grounds, and others equally valid, the writer bases his

Latting an Orange Artistically.

In Brazil the orange eater begins by ransfixing with a fork the vegetable globe in the neighborhood of the south ole. Then, with a sharp case-knife ne makes through the rind a circular ut, which may be likened to the Antretic circle. Next he slices off the shole of the Arctic zone Then, cuting from north to south, he slices off the rind from one polar circle to another. The rind thus having been removed, and the luscious sphere being still transfixed and held in his left hand before him, the eater, with the knife in his right, slices off the tropical region and puts the pieces in his mouth on the flat side, or pierced with the point of the cutting instrument. In this operation one-sixth of the substance of of the fruit is wasted in removing the rind, and another sixth in cutting away the core; but with the best of oranges by retail at less than a cent apiece, no

Marriage on the Installment Plan.

among the Jews and I know they In Northern Siberia when a young man thinks he wants to marry a young woman he arranges to pay a certain sum to her father. Half of this sum would seem homelike and familiar to he pays down and lives with the family people here in Chicago-semething of his Lidy love for a year. If, at the that would lay right hold of them like | end of that time, he still wants her, he the itch in school, and make them give pays the other half of the sum agreed their whole attention to it? It seems upon and gets her. If he doesn't to me, though I couldn't swear to it. | want her he says so and loses the intalment which he first paid. that I read something in the Bible

> Hanry Ward Beecher, in the Februery number of the North American Review, is to discuss the question whether clergymen should "meddle with rolities."

"Uncle Owen's Wife" is coming Mr. Osborne received the highest have been a hoax in the Times or don't full to make her acquaintance.